Committee to assess benefits of reservations

3008. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to appoint a Committee to assess the progress made, benefits and social commitments accrued to the members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the country due to reservation so far; and

(b) what other steps Government propose to take to ensure their welfare and fair share in the society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No. Sir.

(b) For the socio, economic and educational development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, various schemes/programmes are being implemented under the strategies of Scheduled Caste Sub Plan and Tribal Sub Plan. In addition, there is reservation @ 15% for Scheduled Castes and 7.5% for Scheduled Tribes in Government jobs and educational institutions.

Dropping of caste from profile of officers

3009. SHRIMATI N.P DURGA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has asked the Department of Personnel and Training to remove the rule which mandates to mention caste in the profile of SC/ST officers whose names are circulated for appointment in Central Ministries and departments;

(b) whether identification of caste against names of SC/ST officers prove to be disadvantageous for them; and

(c) if so, what is the response of the Department of Personnel and Training?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN):

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. This has been done in order to avoid any possibility of discrimination. The Department of Personnel and Training has decided not to indicate the community status in the official website of the Department.

Ban on the sale of land of tribals

†3010. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) when was a ban imposed on the sale of land of tribals to the people of non-tribal community in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa;

(b) the provisions made for strict implementation of the said ban;

(c) the number of tribals whose land has been recovered during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06 under the above provisions; and

(d) the number of people whose cases are under consideration and the details of the action being taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Assistance for opening of Eklavya Model Residential School

3011. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Orissa has demanded Central assistance for opening at least one Eklavya Model Residential School in each block of the scheduled area of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Orissa has also asked for more funds for extension of SSA facilities to schools managed by ST/SC Development Department; and

(d) if so, the time-frame within which these demands would be considered and relief provided to this backward State?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.